

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: **Chen et al.**

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For: **System and Method for Searchable  
Instant Messaging Chat Repositories  
Using Topic and Identifier Metadata**

§ Group Art Unit: **2443**

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§ Examiner: **Belani, Kishin G.**

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In response to the Final Office Action of March 17, 2009, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.